

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's further Office Action of December 30, 2008 the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claims 1 and 5 are amended to omit recitation of the "digital signature" and to specify that a boot program is run on the integrated circuit which verifies programs before such programs can be loaded onto, or run by, the integrated circuit by verifying whether such programs are signed with a boot key, the boot program verifies a developmental boot program signed with the boot key which verifies developmental programs before such developmental programs can be loaded onto, or run by, the integrated circuit by verifying whether the integrated circuit has a predetermined integrated circuit identifier, the verified developmental boot program are loaded onto the integrated circuit, and the loaded developmental boot program are run thereby enabling loading or running of developmental programs on the integrated circuit if the integrated circuit has the integrated circuit identifier. Support for these amendments can be found at paragraphs [3748]-[3770] of the present application's Publication No. 2007/0006150;

dependent claim 3 is canceled; and

dependent claims 6-17 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the Amendment does not add any new matter to the present application.

Regarding 35 USC 112, first paragraph Rejections

The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the written description requirement rejections of the pending claims based on the amendments of independent claims 1 and 5 to omit the recitations discussed by the Examiner.

Regarding Response to Arguments

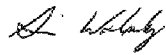
It is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1 and 5 have been amended to incorporate the subject matter suggested by the Examiner for overcoming the art rejections over Sormunen.

In particular, it is respectfully submitted that unlike the claimed invention in which the developmental boot program enables the loading and running of developmental programs on the integrated circuit based on the identifier of the integrated circuit not a digital signature, Sormunen specifically discloses that the first and second boot programs P1 and P2, and any subsequent check-up step, use digital signatures to verify the program code and data associated with the other programs PG1-PG3 (see paragraphs [0033]-[0038]).

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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